

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 811

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brooklyn Driver on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.17 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.5 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that such recognition will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Driver of Lafayette is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Macon County High School, Ms. Driver is a member of the drama club and serves as stage manager for school plays; she is a member of her school's tennis team and trap shooting team and a Rotary-sponsored Interact Club member; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Lafayette Lions Club, Brooklyn Driver spoke at the Lions International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in June 2016, and she is the recipient of the Lions Virginia Lindsey Award for her volunteer work; her projects have included the annual radio auction and silent auction, Hillbilly Day events, the annual fish fry, hamburger and bake sales,

the Christmas parade float, and helping citizens locally with vision screening, glasses, and hearing aids; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Driver volunteers with the backpack program and Red Cross blood drives at her school, as well as Relay for Life and Makin Macon Fitness Events; she also teaches vacation Bible school; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Honor Club president and a 4-H All Star, Brooklyn Driver has served in her community through her work with Caps for Chemo, Soles for Souls, Hands to Larger Service, Operation Christmas Child, and the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Driver will attend Tennessee Technological University and major in communications with a focus on digital journalism and digital media; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Driver is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Brooklyn Driver for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.